



Governor Urges Kansans to Hit the Road for Summer Blastoff

It is that time of year again. Students are finishing the school year, parents are bracing themselves for the summer, and families are planning their summer vacations. A great idea for a family getaway this summer is to travel within Kansas.

This is an exciting year for traveling in the state of Kansas. 2004 marks the sesquicentennial of the Kansas territory, the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, and the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition. These landmark historical events played a major role in Kansas and American history. Commemoration and celebration events will take place throughout the summer and will present a variety of ideal venues for Kansas history to come alive, especially for our school children.

This summer is the perfect time to learn more about Kansas history. Earlier this week we announced The Kansas Mega Gigantic Get Away From It All Summer Blastoff You Won't Believe It 'Til You See It Giveaway.

To enter, travelers must go at least 100 miles from their home and take a photograph of themselves, their families, or friends at a Kansas attraction or event. The purpose of the Kansas Mega Gigantic Get Away Giveaway is to get people out exploring different parts of the state with the chance to win a new Chevy Malibu, made right here in Kansas, or other prizes.

I encourage all Kansans to learn more about the promotion by visiting www.travelKS.com and clicking on "The Mega Gigantic Giveaway" button at the top of the home page. Also, I encourage you to take a road trip in Kansas this summer. Visit a town you've never been to before. See something you've always wanted to see. This is a unique opportunity for you to discover the treasures of Kansas and also be a prizewinner. Whether you enter the contest or not, I encourage every Kansan to take part and travel Kansas this summer.